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For: Kappa Agonist Compounds, Pharmaceutical Formulations And Method Of Prevention And Treatment Of Pruritus Therewith

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 23, 2002**

In response to the Final Official Action dated July 23, 2002, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended, without prejudice, as follows.

**In the Claims**

25. (Twice amended) A method of treating or preventing pruritus in a mammal in need of such prevention or treatment, said method comprising administering to said mammal an arylacetamide non-peptide kappa opiate receptor agonist, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is devoid of central nervous system effects, in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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